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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/21/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/14/04
BRO-FRY	171,212	167,828
LT HENS	1,616	1,433
HVY HENS	1,295	1,506

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	221	0	221
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	192	0	192
SAME WEEK YR AGO	127	7	127
TO-DATE/2004	7,685	91	7,776
TO-DATE/2003	8,127	111	8,238

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,666	1,498	3,164
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,516	1,407	2,923
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,352	1,483	2,835
TO-DATE/2004	50,959	42,345	93,304
TO-DATE/2003	57,636	44,544	102,180

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,051	1,445	1,498	2,943
AVG WT	5.18	3.29	* 7.98 *	* 5.68 *
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	159,603	1,324	1,407	2,731
SAME WK YR AGO	161,757	1,225	1,483	2,708
AVG WT	5.18	3.54	7.95	5.96
TO-DATE/2004	4,983,039	43,274	42,254	85,528
TO-DATE/2003	4,922,207	49,509	44,433	93,942

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.0 million head or 2.1 million less than estimated available.

Heavy Hen avg. wgt for 7-Aug should have read 7.95, total hen avg wgt should have been 5.59.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 07-Aug-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	24,725	21,139	50,540
Avg Weight	3.72	4.70	6.29
% of total /1	26%	22%	52%
Last week	25,286	24,723	44,855
Avg Weight	3.69	4.78	6.40
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	22,630	22,655	50,566
Avg Weight	3.77	4.69	6.05
% of total /1	24%	24%	53%
To date/2004	820,276	678,156	1,393,904
To date/2003	757,736	724,662	1,422,597

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING
/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,691	2,516	90	24	4,321
AVG WT	15.90	35.62	23.94	29.42	26.75
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,808	2,754	47	15	4,624
SAME WK YR AGO	2,075	2,675	56	8	4,814
AVG WT	15.58	34.75	23.37	31.17	26.35
TO-DATE/2004	55,321	81,035	1,577	239	138,172
TO-DATE/2003	59,723	87,330	2,024	461	149,538

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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